


# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Thursday, the 24th March 1960.**

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past ten of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will take up the questions relating to the Hon. the Home Minister first.

*Cess*

* 142 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI AND SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the cess is collected from sugar mills in the State;

(*b*) if so, the rate of cess so collected from the mills and the total amount of cess collected during the years 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59; and

(*c*) how the amount has been utilised?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The rate of levy of cess and the amount collected from 1956-57 to 1958-59 are as follows:—

| *Year.* | *Rate.* | *Amount collected.* |
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| | | RS. |
| 1956-57 .. .. .. | Re. 1 per ton .. .. | 6,04,152·37 |
| 1957-58 .. .. .. | Re. 1 per ton up to 31st October 1958. | 8,63,822·64 |
| 1958-59 .. .. .. | Rs. 2 per ton from 1st November 1958. | 10,97,290·10 |

(*c*) The amount is being utilised for meeting the expenditure to be incurred by this Government on the schemes relating to Sugarcane Development including research, extension and road works in Sugar Factory areas. For the three years 1956-57 to 1958-59, a total of Rs. 12,70,787 has been spent.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Is there any amount which is being contributed by the State Government towards this? Do the Central Government contribute anything towards this?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: There is no question of contribution. This is utilised for research works, etc. Over and above that, whatever is required will be contributed by Government.

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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : The full amount is not being utilised for the benefit of the ryots. That is what the report of the ryots of South Arcot district says. May I know how much amount has been spent in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not have figures relating to each district. That has been kept as a separate fund and it will be utilised for works relating to this in entirety.

*Cultivation of teak and turpentine plants*

* 143 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether teak and turpentine plants are cultivated in the Reserve Forests of the State excluding the Nilgiris district, and, if so, the extent under such cultivation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Teak has been raised in the Reserved Forests referred to over an area of about 12,400 acres.

*Pinus longifolia*, from which turpentine is manufactured, does not occur in the forests of this State.

*Panchayats*

* 137 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of panchayats formed in the year 1959; and

(*b*) the number of panchayats to be formed in the State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) Two hundred and fifty-four panchayats were constituted in 1959.

(*b*) About 3,500 panchayats may have to be constituted newly in order to cover the entire rural area of the State with panchayats.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : How long will it take to complete the formation of all these panchayats?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : 31st December 1960.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR . இதுவரைக்கும் வைத்த பஞ்சாயத்துக் கவுன்சில்கள் எவ்வளவு?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இன்னும் ஒன்றும் ஏற்படுத்தப்படவில்லை.